(b) if so, what are the details of this statement;

(c) what is Government's stand in the matter; and

(c) what remedial measures; Government propse to take to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) The statements made by Prof. A. K. De have not been reported correctly. Two separate statements were made by him. One was on the functions of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board in which it was said that there would be no compromise in Nuclear and Radiation safety matters. The other statement was that repairs to RAPP-I were in progress and it would soon be set right. The two statements were combined by the correspondent to give rise to a dictorted report.

(c) and (d) Clarifications in this regard were issued in a Press Release from the Department of Atomic Energy dated 18 May, 1984.

**Centre for Development of Telematics**

1677. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a centre for development of telematics; and

(b) if so, what would be the purpose of this centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major objectives of the Centre for Development of Telematics are:—

(i) To undertake initially the design, development and engineering of digital electronics switching systems (exchanges) and subsequently of telematics systems and services by—

(a) its own direct effort at the national level;

(b) consultancy, advice, raw technology procurement etc. from within the country and abroad; and

(c) cooperating with other R&D institutions, universities and industries in the country and abroad, and making use of activities in related fields at.

(ii) To promote and assist ancillary industries in the production on high quality components, subassemblies and equipment to meet performance standards required by the Telematics industry.

(iii) To undertake the development of the next generation of digital electronic switching systems meeting our requirement using state-of-the-art concepts relevant and appropriate to our country and internationally competitive.

(iv) To undertake further R&D of introduction of Integrated Services Digital Network.

**शक संवत् का लागू किया जाना**

1678. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने शक संवत क्यों लागू किया था ;

(ख) यह संवत् कब से लागू किया गया है; और

(ग) अनेक वर्ष पूर्व लागू किये जाने के बावजूद भी इसका पूरी तरह प्रयोग सुनिश्चित न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा)** : (क) प्रचलित कलैंडर प्रणाली की विविधता में एकरूपता और विशुद्धता लाने के लिए शक संवत अपनाया गया था ।

(ख) एक चैत्र, 1979 शक के अनुरूप 22 मार्च, 1957.

(ग) शक संवत्, जिसको राष्ट्रीय कलैन्डर के लिए अपनाया गया है, का ग्रेगरी कलैण्डर के साथ विशेष शासकीय प्रयोजनों के लिए प्रयोग किया जाता है। जब तक कोई नया विश्व कलैन्डर सामान्यत: स्वीकार और लागू नहीं किया जाता तब तक शासकीय प्रयोजनों के लिए अन्य देशों में प्रचलित ग्रेगरी कलैन्डर का प्रयोग रखना आवश्यक है ताकि भ्रांति उत्पन्न न हो ।

**Sale of land to Foreigners in Rishikesh**

1679. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* on the 3rd July, 1984 about the involvement of some officials of his Ministry in the sale of land to foreigners in Rishikesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken aganist the concerned officers of the Home Ministry and officials of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Rishikesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) There was no allegation in the news about involvement of officials of Ministry of Home Affairs in the purchase of land by Sri Durga Mandir Omkarananda Ashram. Muniki-Reti, whose affairs are reportedly being looked after by a Committee of five members, four of whom are Indians. No land was purchased by any foreigner in his name. Four foreign disciples of Swami Omkarananda, who is in Switzerland, have been permitted to extend their stay till 30th September, 1984 for the present, in connection with the activities at Sri Durga Mandir. They have not come to any adverse notice. The question of taking action aganist any officials does not arise

**Foreigners arrested in Punjab**

1680. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreigners had been found and arrested among the terrorists in th the recent army operation in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b) 38 arrested persons have been identified as foreigners so far.

**Punjab extremists escaping to Pakistan**

1681. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item